

# Frank Chance Secures Giant Spitballer as a Twirler for the Yankees

## Bescher Sets Pace for Base Burglars

Player With Cincinnati Reds Has Chance to Break National League Record if He Leads Again This Season in Number of Stolen Bases.

BOB BESCHER, of the Cincinnati Reds, has a chance to shatter a National league record the coming season by doing what he did last year—namely, setting the pace among the base burglars.

In the past, in the parent organization, players have won the base stealing honors in five campaigns, but not in five consecutive campaigns. Bescher, if he ranks No. 1 among the baseburglars in 1913, will be entitled to all the more credit for shattering a National league record by leading the base stealing brigade five years in succession, since he only has been in the National league a trifle over four seasons, joining the Reds in the fall and of the 1908 campaign. Right away he demonstrated that he would be both the catcher and the runner in the 22 games in which he participated.

In 1909 Bescher, previously denied a trial with Detroit, led the National league in base stealing with 54 successes, and the habit he acquired in 1909 he has since maintained, for his rank was No. 1 in 1910, 1911 and 1912. Bescher was one of the few Cincinnati players who received votes from the Chalmers jury of experts as being the National league's most valuable player, is regarded by many as one of the fastest base runners in the profession and has the reputation of never trying to boost his record by making unnecessary steals. That the Cincinnati leader knew when to set out to beat his way to either second or third is evidenced by the fact that only 10 times last year he failed to attain the goal for which he set forth. As he made 67 successful steals, his base running average, calculated in the new way, would be .870—figures much more than those made by Clyde Miln, the American league's champion base runner.

Bescher's first unsuccessful attempt to steal was in the game played on May 4, Ivy Wingo, of the Cardinals, turning him back from second. Wingo did the

same thing to Bescher later in the season and was the only backstop who twice halted him. The other backstops who nailed the Cincinnati speedster were Roger Bresnahan, Tom Needham, Will Killefer, Jimmy Archer, "Peaches" Graham, Otto Miller, Chief Meyers and Mike Simon.

Probably the worst day Bescher had on the bases was September 12, in the first inning of a game with Brooklyn. Bescher was caught off second by pitcher Don Carlos Patrick Regan and later in the same contest the speedster was nailed in an attempt to steal to the midway by Miller. The Supercars won the game, 1 to 6.

Three Bescher stole three bases in games, the backstops he victimized being Miller, Meyers and Kelly. He scored his 47 steals through 52 games, making one in each of 49 contests and two in nine. The catchers that Bescher found the easiest to steal on were those employed by St. Louis, while the backstops who kept him from taking liberties were New York's. The records of Bescher's successful and unsuccessful steals last year are appended:

**Successful Steals.**  
Against St. Louis, 17—Wingo, 5; Regan, 4; Bresnahan, 3; Snyder, 2; Against Pittsburgh, 14—Simon, 7; Kelly, 4; Gibson, 3.  
Against Boston, 5—Bardien, 5; Killefer, 4.  
Against Brooklyn, 8—Miller, 7; Erwin, 1.  
Against Philadelphia, 7—Killefer, 4; Dooley, 3.  
Against Chicago, 7—Cotter, 2; Needham, 2; Archer, 1; Heckinger, 1.  
Against New York, 5—Meyers, 5.  
**Unsuccessful Steals.**  
Against St. Louis, 5—Wingo, 2; Bresnahan, 1.  
Against Chicago, 2—Archer, 1; Needham, 1.  
Against Philadelphia, 2—Killefer, 1; Graham, 1.  
Against Brooklyn, 1—Miller, 1.  
Against Pittsburgh, 1—Simon, 1.  
Against New York, 1—Meyers, 1.

## Another Six Footer Joins Chance's Staff

Al Griner, a Spitballer, Wanted by McGraw, but Secured by Yankees, Is Slated for Regular Berth.

By HARRY GLASER.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Al Griner, alias Faddy Green, is now a full fledged member of Frank Chance's staff of six footers, having turned in his signed contract to secretary Davis, who promptly measured him for a trip to Bermuda. Great things are expected from Green when he gets to camp as well as after the championship race starts.

It may be remembered that no less a personage than John McGraw tried to corral this bird for his own, but Frank Chance beat him to the prize. He is a big fellow, which alone made him very desirable in the eyes of the Giants' leader, but this is not the only trait that the scouts who thrashed the Connecticut league last season to look upon him with favor. Green is said to have the "goods," which, in the parlance of the scout, means something entirely different from what the wags would tell us by joining the word "what his alias."

A glimpse of his record made with the Holyoke team last year might not cause a stranger to was over enthusiastic at first sight. He figured in 42 contests, of which he won nine and lost 14, with a fourth place team in a six foot ball, which alone made him very desirable in the eyes of the Giants' leader, but this is not the only trait that the scouts who thrashed the Connecticut league last season to look upon him with favor. Green is said to have the "goods," which, in the parlance of the scout, means something entirely different from what the wags would tell us by joining the word "what his alias."

But then, what really won him distinction and a big league trial was the

way he conducted himself on the diamond. He sized up like a corner. Arthur Irwin has looked him over carefully and pronounced him fit for a permanent berth in the big show. With Al Schultz, the Savannah southpaw, he forms the best pitching prospect the Yankees have among the recruit crop. Like Green, the Savannah recruit is over six feet tall and built in proportion to his height. They surely are a big addition to the team in size and weight, if not in skill.

Green is a naturally closed a sale for Green last summer, not knowing that Farrell already had a claim to him. The Yankees had turned several youngsters over to the Holyoke club at the start of the season for which they were given an option to choose any of their players. When Green began to shine the option was exercised on him and although the National commission was appealed by the club in an attempt to ship him to the Giants the Yankees' claim was honored.

Green hurls a spitter better than any other style of delivery, although he is not compelled to rely solely on the wet ball to be effective. He has plenty of speed and can stand a lot of work, being a sturdy built youngster. Irwin is sure Chance will be just as pleased with the rookie as he himself is once he gets a chance to see him work through a stretch of innings. George Davis, the former Williams college star, also turned in his signed contract. Davis was ranked as the best twirler in the college ranks before he joined the Yankees, but found it hard to mow down the big leaguers with the same ease. He was unfortunate in getting poor support, however, which did much to give him a poor start. He won one out of six starts.

## EL TOROS NOW LEAD INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

Howlers on the Globe Mills Team Lose Match by Score of 27 to 15; Binford Rolls High Total.

In the Industrial league match the El Toro quintet won the honors from the Globe Mills team Tuesday night at the Cactus arena by a margin of 27 runs. The winner of the match went to the top of the Industrial league column. Binford rolled high game and total with a run of 315. All four points were won by the El Toro team.

Because of the absence of three bowlers from the Old Guard lineup the scheduled match between the Old Guards and Elks did not come off Tuesday night at the Cactus arena. The match will be rolled off next Saturday night.

The following scores were made:

Industrial League.			
Team	Runs	Hits	Errors
Cement Plant	122	140	285
Binford	144	181	479
Anderson	135	149	172
Taylor	136	163	150
Hansen	124	145	423
Totals	821	718	2577
Globe Mills	157	160	125
Rogers	153	134	119
Bowman	153	134	119
Fowler	153	134	119
Burgess	153	134	119
Dumny	137	132	121
Totals	714	707	2190
Points won: Cement Plant.			
High game: Binford 208.			
High total: Binford 514.			

## JUAREZ RACE ENTRIES FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 12

First race, selling, 3 year olds and up, 6 furlongs—Mayweather 95, Ah Moon 100, Camarada 100, El Toro 110, Layminster 110, Barney Oldfield 110.  
Second race, selling, 3 year olds and up, 5 furlongs—Hanson 95, Swiftnature 27, Silver Wing 102, Charley Brown 104, Hugh Gray 104, Quid Nunc 104, Rio Pecan 108.  
Third race, selling, 2 year olds and up, 6 furlongs—Luke Van Zandt 90, Zool 103, El Paso 107, Sterlin 110, C. W. Kennon 114.  
Fourth race, selling, 3 year olds and up, 1 mile—Sleepand 90, Salesta 103, L. M. Eckert 107, Hattie 107.  
Fifth race, selling, 3 year olds and up, 6 furlongs—Mercurium 98, Bonnie Bard 105, Balronia 107, Cantem 110, Zinkand 110, Jaded Walton 112.  
Sixth race, selling, 3 year olds and up, 5 furlongs—Ernest H. 93, Bells 97, Hanzel C. 102, Iniquita 104, Rosevale 112, The Pad 114.  
Five points apprentice allowance claimed.

## Tuesday's Results.

First race—Six furlongs, selling, three-year-olds and up, value \$300. Marzuka (Hurlingame) 103, 7 to 4, 4 to 5, out, won. Parent Hall (Kederlin) 110, 2 to 1, 3 to 5, 1 to 4, second. Mandadero (Groth) 107, 7 to 10, out, show, third. Time 1:30.5. L. S. Stonecutter, Wolfers, Red Rose, Ada Doyle, Don Ramon, ran.  
Second race—Five furlongs, selling, three-year-olds and up, value \$300. Uncle Jimmie Gray (Kederlin) 112, 2 to 4, 1 to 3, out, won. The Pad (Gross) 112, 3 to 1, 3 to 5, 1 to 4, second. L. S. Stonecutter (Groth) 107, 7 to 10, out, show, third. Time 1:30.5. Stonecutter, Wolfers, Red Rose, Ada Doyle, Don Ramon, ran.  
Third race—Six furlongs, selling, three-year-olds and up, value \$300. Evran (Guy) 110, 3 to 1, even, 1 to 2, won. Bonnie Bard (Teahan) 110, 7 to 2, 4 to 1, 1 to 2, second. L. S. Stonecutter 112, 12 to 1, 2 to 1, show, third. Time 1:24.5. Cantem, Royal Dolly, Rosentia, Phil Connor, ran.  
Fourth race—One and one-sixteenth miles, selling, four-year-olds and up, value \$300. Sleepand (Carter) 101, 1 to 2, out, place, show, won. El Toro (Teahan) 107, 16 to 1, 5 to 1, 7 to 5, second. Ben Greenleaf (Mulligan) 113, 13 to 1, 1 to 5, show, third. Time 2:01.5. Barney Oldfield, Sam Bernard, Dick Baker, ran.  
Fifth race—Six furlongs, selling, four-year-olds and up, value \$300. M. Eckert (Guy) 107, 7 to 2, 2 to 1, 1 to 4, won. Service (Loftus) 112, 12 to 1, 2 to 1, 1 to 2, second. Golden Acres (Groth) 107, 12 to 1, 1 to 2, show, third. Time 1:23.5. Zool, Jim L. Don Enrique, Compton, ran.  
Sixth race—Six furlongs, selling, three-year-olds and up, value \$300. Tim Judge (Hoffman) 110, 7 to 2, 12 to 10, 1 to 2, won. Russel McGill (Kederlin) 107, 6 to 1, 3 to 1, 1 to 1, even, second. Dave Montgomery (Halsey) 105, 3 to 1, 1 to 3, show, third. Time 1:21. Velle, Fort, Judge Walton, Gelico, Blaze E., ran.

## DUPOUY DEFEATS LEWIS.

Paris, France, Feb. 12.—The Frenchman, Adrian Dupouy, fighting under the name of Hogan, beat Willie Lewis, the New York middleweight, on points in a 20 round fight here last night. Hogan showed superiority throughout the contest.

## Methodist Minister Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

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## BASKETBALL TEAMS TO MEET HERE FEB. 20

West Texas, Arizona and New Mexico Cities to Be Represented.

In Federation.

City basketball league business was wound up, and arrangements were made for the federation composed of teams from Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas which will meet in this city on Thursday, February 20, by the officials of the City league at a meeting Tuesday night at the Y. M. C. A. A postponed match between the Cactus club and the High school teams will be played off at a later date. It was decided. The match between the Cactus and C. A. A. which was postponed Saturday night, will be played next Thursday evening at the new C. A. A. hall on Arizona and St. Vrain streets. Four basketball teams of this city will participate in the federation with a possibility of 15 fifth. Each team will donate \$5 to the officials of the federation for the expenses of the meet.

The teams are: Cactus club, Y. M. C. A. company #1, 223 Infantry, High school and with a possibility of the Electric Stars entering their team. The meet promises to be one of the biggest events in basketball history of El Paso. Efforts are being made to organize a 10 team league for the series and the following towns have declared their intention of entering teams: Big Springs, Texas; University of Arizona, at Tucson; Y. M. C. A. at Bismarck, Ariz.; Silver City Normal and Alamogordo High school. Several other teams have made inquiries, but have not decided fully if they will enter a club. A postponed match between the Cactus and Electric Stars teams was played off Tuesday night. The Cactus team taking the long end of the score, 53 to 32. Hall did effective basket work for the Cactus, while Bryant was the chief pointmaker for the Electric Stars. The federation will begin Thursday, February 20 and continue until Sunday, when the deciding match will be played on Washington's birthday.

## ALBUQUERQUE TEAM WILL PLAY HERE SATURDAY.

Albuquerque High school basketball players will be the guests of the El Paso students next Saturday when they arrive to play the High school boys and girls team at the Y. M. C. A. A match was played between the two schools, when the High school visited Albuquerque, and as the play was close a good match is expected in both games. The local players were well entertained while in Albuquerque, and preparations are being made to return the courtesy.

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## CONLEY AND WELLS WILL APPEAR AT EAGLES' SMOKER

Franklin Conley, ex-bantamweight champion will make his second appearance before the El Paso boxing fans Wednesday night when he is billed to meet Jack Wells, of Tucuman, N. M., in a 10 round bout at the Eagles' hall. Conley made his initial exhibition in El Paso several days ago, when he met Kid Payo, the local champion in a six round bout at the Moose. Wells recently arrived from Tucuman, and although he has it on Conley in the matter of weight, the under setting match is expected.

In the semi-windup Jockey Murry will meet Jockey McCullough in a six round bout.

Several singers and piano players will also aid in the entertainment.

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## Boer Fighter Wants Battle With Wells

George Rodol insists That He Was Handed the Chilly Palm by the Champion of England.

By ED. CURLEY.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 12.—When Bombardier Wells was interrogated about the repetition of hostilities he balked and scolded for America. Over here he met Al Falzer and Tom Kennedy. Upon his return Rodol pestered him for that match. More of the chilly stuff. So the big Boer is here to force Wells into a match.

Rodol has a good record of victories, mostly through slipping the knockout wallop over on his rivals. The English papers assert that he was handed the rough stuff in the Wells battle. With these documents in his possession, the Boer must certainly come back.

He stands 5 feet 1 in his stockings, and scales 135 pounds at fighting weight. That is some combination. To show that he's there with the confidence stuff, Rodol saw Vic McLoughlin and Art Nelson mix it up and declared that if he couldn't whip both in one ring inside of one round he would work on the docks.

We shall hear more of George Rodol, Boer, very shortly. No more music, professor.

Little did the boxing commissioners figure when they passed the rule prohibiting a white man battling a negro. Little did they know, say we. It simply means that Joe Jeannette and Battling Jim Johnson will have to team up again, and scrap in the few small towns they overlooked within the past years.

The standing of the clubs is as follows:

Won. Lost. Drawn. P.O.  
Jeannette ..... 7 2 6 799  
Johnson ..... 7 7 6 309

"Officer," in accents bold he shrieked, "produce a Johndarm." He had just read the news that Ad Wolgast, a one-time champion, was willing to meet Tommy Murphy in San Francisco on Washington's birthday. If "Bunny" Jim Coffroth would slip him \$